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Office Action Summary

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KORSUNSKY ET AL.

Examiner

Thanh-Tam T. Le

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 June 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 18-20 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7-16 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 17 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-5 and 7- 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takada et al. (6,341,966).

Regarding claims 1, 8-10 and 16, Takada et al., figures 1-5 disclose an extender for use between two connectors (10), comprising:

- a frame (30, 40 and 30, the guide frames 30 and the support member 40 are formed integrally, column 4, lines 13 and 14)) having a body portion (40) and two receiving ports (30) at opposite ends thereof adapted for respectively receiving the two connectors (10); and
- two circuit boards (20) attached to opposite sides of the body portion of the frame, the circuit board having conductive trace (20 and 21) disposed along at least one side and opposite end portions respectively extending into the two receiving ports of the frame.

Regarding claim 2, the two receiving ports are substantially identical.

Regarding claims 3 and 12, figure 2, the frame comprising two side portions on opposite sides, each side portion having two receiving sections (31B, 32 and 31C, 33) at the same end of the frame defining the receiving port.

Regarding claims 4 and 13, figures 3 and 4, the circuit board comprising a pair of shoulders (tapered surfaces) on opposite sides of each end portion, each shoulder abutting against the bottom of a corresponding receiving section of the frame.

Regarding claims 5 and 14, figure 1, a protrusion (32 and 33) is provided in each receiving section of the frame adapted for engagement with a corresponding groove of the connector (column 4, lines 29-38).

Regarding claims 7 and 15, the conductive traces of the circuit board including a plurality of signal and ground traces (20 and 21).

Regarding claim 11, the first and second connectors are identical.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 18-20 are allowed.
4. Claims 6 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's remarks on pages 10-12 of response filed 6/23/05 have overcome the art rejection.
6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 6/23/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

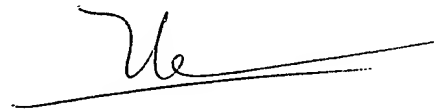
Regarding to claims 1 and 10, the claims disclose "a frame having two receiving ports at opposite ends thereof adapted for respectively receiving the two connectors". The terms "adapted for receiving the two connectors" are not positively claimed. The connectors 10 attached to the guide sections 32 and 33, respectively, therefore, still read on the claimed invention.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh-Tam T. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-2094. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00.

9. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TC Patel can be reached on 571-272-2098. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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